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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 10, 2007

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated  
October 10, 2007.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

- (I) Claims 1, 2, and 21, identified in the action as  
being drawn to a printed circuit board, classified  
in class 174, subclass 254;
- (II) Claims 3-13, identified in the action as being

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drawn to a method of making a printed circuit board, classified in class 29, subclass 830, and  
(III) Claims 14-20, identified in the action as being drawn to an apparatus for making a printed circuit board, classified in class 29, subclass 745.

Applicants note that the Office has not identified all of the claims pending in the subject application. Claims 1 to 22 are pending in the application. Claim 22 was added to the application in the preliminary amendment filed July 21, 2005. Claim 22 is directed to a circuit board and should likely be included in group (I) (although claim 22 recites a dependency on claim 4, which is included in group (II)). Additionally, Claim 3 is directed to a circuit board-use member and recites a dependency on claim 1 and should be included in group (I).

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (II) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2007. A favorable action on the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order and is respectfully solicited.

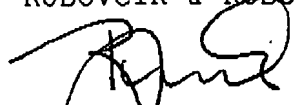
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